

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Case number (if known) _____ Chapter 11

☐ Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 201

Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name Buffalo Newspress Inc. d/b/a BNP Empower

2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years

Include any assumed names, trade names and doing business as names

3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) 16-1206028

4. Debtor's address

Principal place of business

Mailing address, if different from principal place of business

200 Broadway Street

Buffalo, NY 14204

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

P.O. Box, Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Erie

County

Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

5. Debtor's website (URL) www.printbnp.com

6. Type of debtor

- ☒ Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))
☐ Partnership (excluding LLP)
☐ Other. Specify: _____

Debtor Buffalo Newspress Inc. d/b/a BNP Empower
Name

Case number (if known) _____

7. Describe debtor's business A. Check one:

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
☐ Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))
☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
☐ Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))
☒ None of the above

B. Check all that apply

- ☐ Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. §501)
☐ Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80a-3)
☐ Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80b-2(a)(11))

C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor. See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes>.

8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?

Check one:

- ☐ Chapter 7
☐ Chapter 9

☒ Chapter 11. Check all that apply:

- ☐ Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$3,024,725 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/25 and every 3 years after that).
☐ The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). If the debtor is a small business debtor, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if all of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
☐ The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D), and it chooses to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.
☐ A plan is being filed with this petition.
☐ Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
☐ The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11 (Official Form 201A) with this form.
☐ The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.

☐ Chapter 12

9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?

- ☒ No.
☐ Yes.

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____
District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____

10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes.

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list

Debtor	_____	Relationship	_____
District	_____	Case number, if known	_____

11. Why is the case filed in this district?

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.
- ☐ A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Why does the property need immediate attention? (Check all that apply.)

☐ It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety.

What is the hazard? _____

☐ It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.

☐ It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).

☐ Other _____

Where is the property? _____

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Is the property insured?

☐ No

☐ Yes. Insurance agency _____

Contact name _____

Phone _____

Statistical and administrative information

13. Debtor's estimation of available funds

Check one:

- ☒ Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
- ☐ After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available to unsecured creditors.

14. Estimated number of creditors

☐ 1-49

☐ 50-99

☒ 100-199

☐ 200-999

☐ 1,000-5,000

☐ 5001-10,000

☐ 10,001-25,000

☐ 25,001-50,000

☐ 50,001-100,000

☐ More than 100,000

15. Estimated Assets

☐ \$0 - \$50,000

☐ \$50,001 - \$100,000

☐ \$100,001 - \$500,000

☐ \$500,001 - \$1 million

☒ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million

☐ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million

☐ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million

☐ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million

☐ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion

☐ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion

☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion

☐ More than \$50 billion

16. Estimated liabilities

☐ \$0 - \$50,000

☐ \$50,001 - \$100,000

☐ \$100,001 - \$500,000

☐ \$500,001 - \$1 million

☒ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million

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Debtor Buffalo Newspress Inc. d/b/a BNP Empower Case number (if known) _____
Name

Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures

WARNING -- Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**17. Declaration and signature
of authorized
representative of debtor**

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 5, 2025
MM / DD / YYYY

X /s/ Thomas J. Majerski
Signature of authorized representative of debtor

Title President

Thomas J. Majerski
Printed name

18. Signature of attorney

X /s/ Kevin R. Lelonek
Signature of attorney for debtor
Kevin R. Lelonek

Date February 5, 2025
MM / DD / YYYY

Printed name

Gross Shuman PC
Firm name

465 Main St Suite 600
Buffalo, NY 14203
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone 716-854-4300 Email address klelonek@gross-shuman.com
NY 5489141

Bar number and State

UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BUFFALO NEWS PRESS, INC.

THE UNDERSIGNED, being the sole directors of BUFFALO NEWS PRESS, INC. d/b/a BNP EMPOWERED PRINT, (the "Corporation") with its principal place of business in the Western District of New York, who would be entitled to notice of meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for the purpose of taking such action and adopting the resolutions set forth below, hereby waive such notice, take the following action, and adopt the following resolutions by unanimous written consent

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the filing by this Corporation of a petition for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11, United States Code, 11 U.S. Section 101, *et seq.* (the "Bankruptcy Code"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York be, and it hereby is, authorized and approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, each of the officers of the Corporation is authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of the Corporation a petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York, and any affidavits, forms, schedules, applications or any other pleadings or documents which are necessary or appropriate;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Corporation is authorized to retain Gross Shuman P.C. as its General Counsel, in connection with its Chapter 11 filing, upon the terms and conditions set forth in Gross Shuman P.C.'s retainer letter;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each of the officers of the Corporation is authorized to retain on behalf of this Corporation such other professionals as they deem necessary or appropriate, upon such terms and conditions as they shall approve, to render services to this Corporation in connection with such Chapter 11 proceeding and with respect to other related matters in connection therewith;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each officer of the Corporation be, and each of them is authorized and empowered to open Debtor-in-Possession bank accounts;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each of the officers of the Corporation is authorized and directed to take any and all further action and to execute and delivery any and all such further instruments and documents and to pay all such expenses (subject to Bankruptcy Court approval), where necessary or appropriate in order to carry out fully the intent and accomplish the purposes of the resolutions adopted herein;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all actions taken by each of the officers and directors of the Corporation or any matter related thereto, or by virtue of these resolutions, are hereby in all respects ratified, confirmed and approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each officer of the Corporation be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and empowered to do or cause to be done all such acts, deeds and things and to make, execute and deliver, or cause to be made, executed or delivered, all such agreements, undertakings, documents, instruments or certificates, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation or otherwise, as he/she may deem necessary, advisable or appropriate to effectuate or fulfill the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution shall constitute the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Consent, which may be signed in one or more counterparts, which taken together shall constitute one document, as of this ____ day of January, 2025

 2/4/25

Thomas J. Majerski
Director

Douglas Sousa
Director

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Director

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